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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING MICROORGANISMS, AND  
QUANTITIES OF MICROORGANISMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

After assigning a serial number to the above-captioned application and before calculating the fee, please undertake the following changes:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following two paragraphs beginning at line 3 of page 1:

--This application is a Divisional of application 09/213,872 filed on December 17, 1998.--  
<sup>^ NOW ABANDONED</sup>

---This application claims the priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 9-365,342, filed on December 18, 1997, which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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